

# Additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton

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Six options are short-listed in the work to identify a preferred option for an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton.

Roads and Maritime Services, RMS (formerly Roads and Traffic Authority) is working with the community to identify a preferred location for an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton.

There are six route options within the five strategic corridors that will go forward for further investigation.

Community comment, a community and stakeholder workshop (November 2011), and technical investigations helped to identify the short-list of options.

The short-listed options are:

- E** Cowan Street, South Grafton to Villiers Street, Grafton.
- A** New bridge parallel to and immediately upstream of the existing bridge connecting Bent Street, South Grafton and Fitzroy Street, Grafton.
- C** Junction of Pacific Highway and Gwydir Highway, South Grafton to Pound Street, Grafton.
- 11** Existing Pacific Highway north of South Grafton to Fry Street, Grafton.
- 14** Existing Pacific Highway north of South Grafton to North Street, Grafton via Kirchner Street.
- 15** Existing Pacific Highway north of South Grafton to Summerland Way north of Grafton, via Kirchner Street.

RMS does not have a preferred option for the additional crossing at this stage.

Those property owners potentially directly affected by the six short-listed options are being contacted directly. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with the project team.

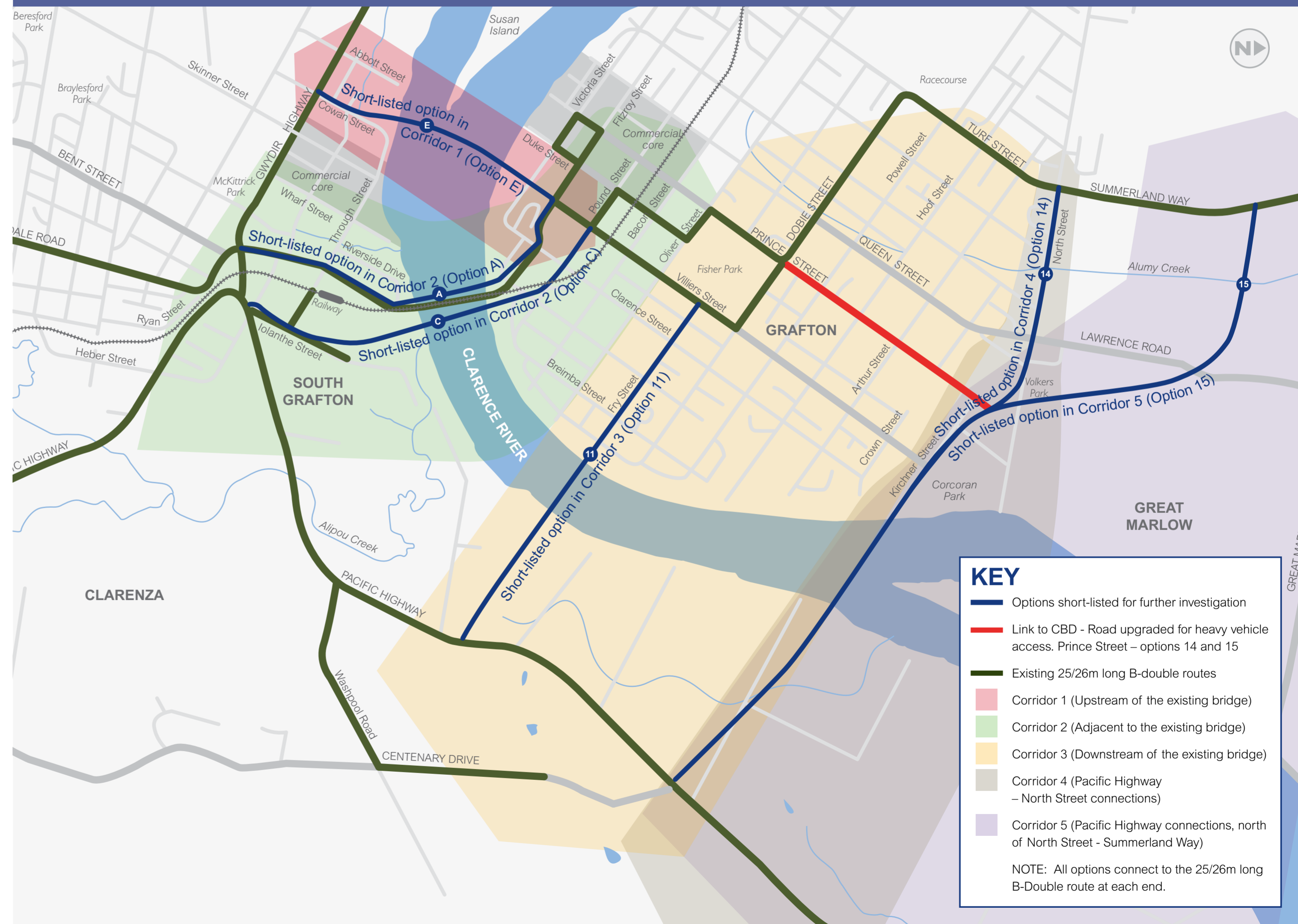
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Or visit the shop front at the Pacific Highway office for more information at 21 Prince Street, Grafton (opposite Westpac Bank), Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm.

## Short-listed options to go forward for further investigation



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The January 2012 community update is now available.

## Preliminary Route Options Report – Final

The *Preliminary Route Options Report – Final* (January 2012) is available. The report is in three parts:

**Part 1** (August 2011) describes the existing environment in the Grafton area and potential issues and constraints relevant to an additional crossing.

**Part 2** (October 2011) assesses the 25 preliminary route options, identified from the June 2011 Feasibility Assessment on the 41 community suggestions, against the project objectives.

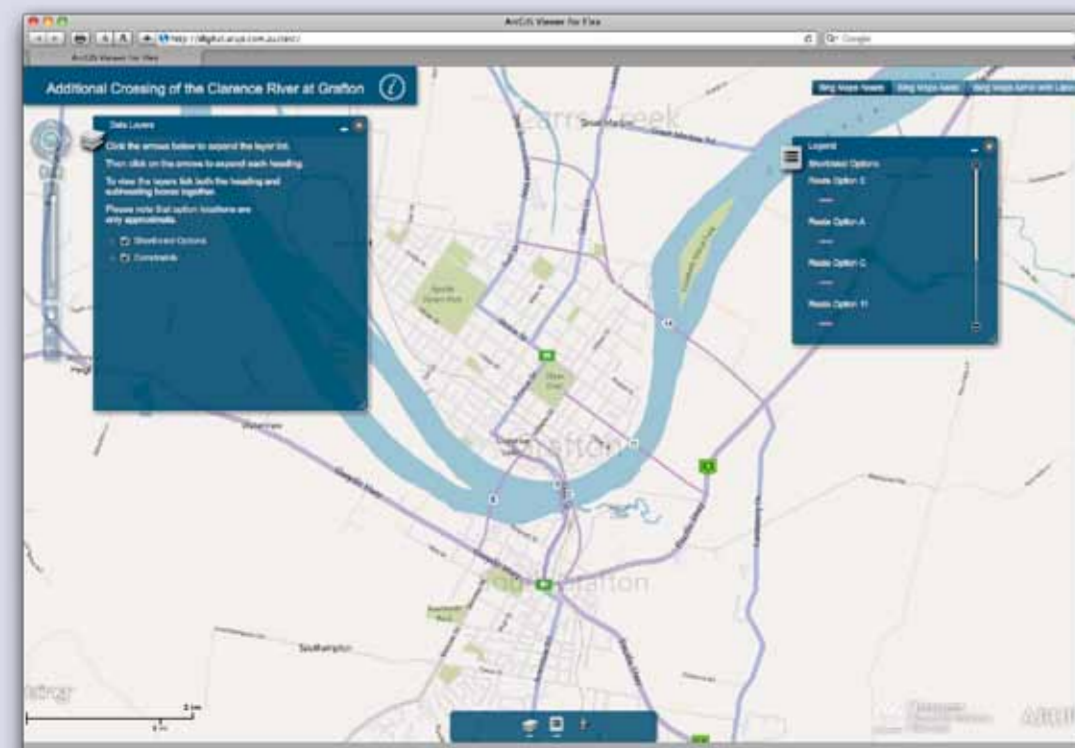
**Part 3** (January 2012) provides a summary of community feedback received and the community and stakeholder evaluation workshop. The process to identify the short-list of options to go forward and the short-listed options are described.

## Interactive maps on the website

Interactive maps are on the project website showing the six options.

The maps show the issues and potential constraints when planning an additional crossing. The information on the maps is from the *Preliminary Route Options Report – Final* (January 2012).

Go to [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge) and click on the link to interactive maps.



## Field investigations

Field investigations will be undertaken on the short-listed options including:

- Survey work.
- Geotechnical investigations.
- Flora and fauna studies.
- Traffic surveys.
- Examination of Aboriginal and/or non-Aboriginal heritage.

The project team will need to access properties to do this.

A letter of request with further details will be sent to the owners of properties proposed for use in the investigations.

For more information on field investigations please view the fact sheets available on the Grafton Bridge project website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge).

## Process from here

Technical and environmental investigations will provide more information on the short-listed options. The investigations will be described in the Route Options Development Report (RODR).

The report will be displayed for community comment. Community comments, the investigations undertaken and the outcomes of the value management workshop will input to a decision on a recommended preferred option in 2012.

Your feedback on the recommended preferred option will be considered before a decision is made on the preferred option for an additional crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton. Community involvement will continue.

The process to identify a recommended preferred option for an additional crossing is shown in the flowchart adjacent.

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